

STATE OF VERMONT.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

EZRA BUTLER,

Governor and Captain-General, and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Vermont,

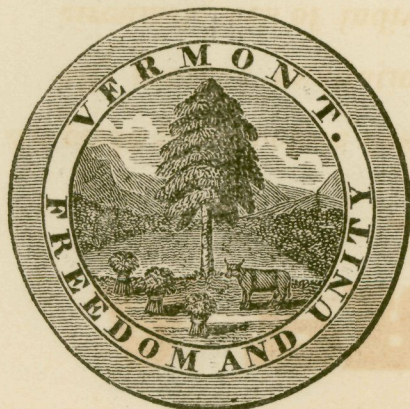
A PROCLAMATION.

AS pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall, so humility and meekness usually precede exaltation and prosperity. These truths are often observable in the conduct and circumstances of individuals and in the condition and management of communities. That unfeigned repentance for sin becomes us as a people, no enlightend Christian will ever doubt. Our fathers, impressed with these views and with a just sense of their dependance on Divine Providence for every enjoyment, used to set apart one day in each year under the sanction of civil government, for the purpose of prayer and fasting. Believing that a Christian community will continue to unite in imitating their laudable example;

I HAVE, therefore, seen fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint, WEDNESDAY, THE NINTH OF APRIL NEXT, to be observed as a day of **FASTING AND PRAYER** throughout this state; and earnestly request all the people to refrain from all recreation and unnecessary labour on said day.

And I exhort all ministers and people of every denomination, to assemble at their respective places of religious worship, and there, with broken and contrite hearts confess their own sins, and humbly seek forgiveness through faith in our **LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**. Let us all with the deepest sorrow mourn before God, the ingratitude, irreligion and immorality so common in our country—that so many disregard the **LORD'S DAY**; and some from whom better things might have been expected, are by all means in their power endeavouring to destroy in the publick mind the sentiments by which its due observation can be continued—that so many possessing talents and many advantages for promoting the political happiness of our country, should exert their influence in the work of deception, to the disgrace of the best political institutions ever enjoyed by man.

And while we mourn our own sins and the sins of our brethren, let us supplicate the interposition of Providence by which our common country may be saved from every threatening danger. Let us gratefully acknowledge our entire dependance on Divine mercy and the obligations we are under for the distinguished favours we now enjoy. Let us humbly beseech God to grant his blessing on all the means of grace employed for the spread of truth and the salvation of men—that the Divine blessing may rest on all in authority in the general and state governments and prosperity attend all their exertions to promote the publick interest—that His special favour may attend all the honest endeavours of the people and government of this state to promote their best interest—that health and plenty may crown the opening season. And may we never forget to praise and adore the God of all grace for the success of the gospel, and the growing influence of the Redeemer's kingdom in this and other parts of the earth.



GIVEN under my hand at Waterbury this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and in the fifty-second year of the Independence of the United States.

EZRA BUTLER.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

DANIEL KELLOGG, Secretary.